



DSRA General Meeting Jan 26

Swansea Courthouse, Noyes St

Present: Danny & Sallee Allford, Steve & Sue Barrett, David & Hilary Cooper, Diane Flannigan, Brett Harrison, Anne Held, Yon Kikkert, Robyn Moore, Leigh & Liz Sealy, Barry & Dianne Smith, Danae & Neville Stewart, Elizabeth Stroud, David Swifte

Apologies: Kate Shield, Gary Stoward, Lorna Turner, Leni Jarvis, Joanne Petersen, Tricia & Ian Jay, James Flannigan, Shaun Flannigan, Nikki Betts, Wes & Donna Button

Meeting opened: 10.03

1. *Minutes of previous GM*

Motion: That the minutes of the previous (October) general meeting are accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Neville Stewart; Seconded: Liz Sealy; Carried

2. *Matters arising from previous meeting - none*

Reports on projects

3. *Litter bins*

Dave Cooper reported on the Rosco's bins arranged by the committee. These were installed at the loop at Bagot Point and the beach access near the 5km mark after Boxing Day.

Action: the committee will now submit a cost model to Council based on what we've observed. Our estimate is significantly less than the \$13,500 estimated by Council for a one-year trial period (NB: this estimate was based on installing a bin at Yellow Sandbanks as well as the above locations).

A further area of investigation is changing the style of bins so that there are restrictions on how far they can be opened. This option may prevent locals dumping household waste while still allowing general litter from day-use visitors to be discarded. An implication of using smaller bins is that more frequent servicing may be necessary which is likely to increase the cost.

Overall, the bins have been a success. Social media posts suggest that general litter in the vicinity of bins has been reduced.

4. *Bushfire safety group*

Steve Barrett spoke with a contractor from Launceston with a view to help residents reduce the fuel load on their properties. The cost quoted was \$180/hr for two workers and machinery. In return, residents would have their green waste chipped and could use the chips for weed suppression. The location of the contractor significantly increases the cost due to travel time from Launceston - \$740 transport. Unless a reasonable number of people were involved, it'd be quite expensive. Unsurprisingly, there wasn't a great deal of interest. Consequently, a grant to cover the contractor's travel & overnight accommodation was

requested from Council and, when this seemed unlikely to be approved, from Bendigo Bank. There are further possibilities in this year's grants round. Council will put issue to workshop – but are unlikely to award the grant due to equity issues. Steve spoke to the Mayor about the issue & other ideas. He discussed signage for pedestrian access to beach through dunes which could explain why fires aren't allowed in dune area. This issue has been raised by residents close to access ways. Similarly, flyers for rental accommodation units could explain risks of lighting fires. Both ideas will be going to the Council workshop.

Another issue for fire safety is mowing along the roadside.

The Council is forming a committee for waste management. Steve would like to join to suggest better options for green waste management than burning.

Steve has also been helping update the *Living at Nine Mile Beach* booklet to bring it into line with current TFS guidelines & other edits.

More members are invited to join the bushfire safety group.

Brett Harrison suggested contacting 'Tree Dynamics' in Hobart. Owner has property in Orford and may be more reasonably priced.

Action: Steve to follow up.

Diane Flannigan suggested that Council could mulch & sell green waste rather than burning it. Issue is preventing the spread of weed species.

Robyn Moore thanked Diane Bricknell for her help in updating the *Living at Nine Mile Beach* booklet. This is being done with the oversight of Mel Kelly (Council's NRM Manager).

Barry Smith noted that roadside verges are cleared all the way to boundaries in Cambria but not on Dolphin Sands Rd. It seems that there are different rules for each area.

Dianne Smith stated that mowing needs to occur more than once a year.

Diane Flannigan stated that we shouldn't have to write to Council each time to get mowing done and noted that the land behind Cambria hasn't been mown.

Yon Kikkert suggested that clearing to property boundaries may reduce road trauma to animals by increasing visibility.

Robyn noted that fires can start from natural means, such as dry lightning. The marked rise in fires started by dry lightning increases the need for fuel reduction. Clearing the road side to property boundaries may facilitate escape via Dolphin Sands Rd in the event of a fire.

Action: Robyn to chase up grant application to Bendigo Bank, as no reply has been received to date.

5. *Notice of intent to amend the constitution at next General Meeting*

Robyn gave an overview of the process for amending the constitution.

Motion to be brought to the next meeting to read:

That the current constitution of the Association be replaced in its entirety with the document attached to this notice and entitled 'DSRA Rules of the Association'.

6. *Meeting procedures*

Robyn thanked Kate Shield for her work on this.

The rationale for formalising meeting procedures is to develop a shared understanding to facilitate productive and focused meetings, where everyone can have their say. The committee will consider appointing a time keeper. More information is available on the website (under 'meetings').

Please see the attached document 'Suggested meeting process' which has been amended based on suggestions from the meeting. This document will be brought to the next meeting for further discussion and/or adoption.

Actions: Dave Cooper to forward template for correspondence register to Robyn.
Robyn Moore to update website with a tab for quarterly financial summaries.

Motions (none)

Any other business

Report from Meredith River pedestrian/cycling bridge working group

Yon Kikkert explained that this idea is at an embryonic stage with the working group examining feasibility issues. Seven residents met on site 10 days ago to discuss the idea. The working group then met yesterday to discuss further. Justification – currently, access to Swansea via the beach is unreliable. The bridge will allow year-round access.

DSRA survey indicated overwhelming community support for a pedestrian/cycling bridge over the Meredith River. Council's Swansea Structure Plan (9.7.1) also states that a pedestrian/cycling bridge should be investigated.

The working group is concerned about the impact of flooding on the bridge and suggested the bridge needs to have a clear span, ie no pylons in river itself to prevent stresses on bridge and minimise disturbance to the river. Possibility of suspension bridge – these have a low building footprint.

Action: Rob Curran to arrange meeting with owner of 58 Shaw St to discuss community's ideas, and resolve access issues on southern side.

Danae Stewart notes that there are similar bridges at Tahune.

Possible location of the bridge was discussed – aim is to avoid dynamic beach systems and bird nesting areas and minimise visibility from nearby properties.

Thanks to working group members present: Yon, Diane Flannigan, Steve Barrett & Barry Smith

Council's NRM (Natural Resource Management) Committee

Expressions of interest (EoI) to join this committee were invited in December last year. Robyn submitted an EoI as secretary of DSRA. Notified yesterday of acceptance. Aim is that secretary can act as a conduit for relevant questions/information from the community to the NRM committee and vice versa. Next meeting of this committee is Wed Feb 13. For further info, please see:

<https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/services-facilities/natural-resource-management/>

Upcoming DSRA General Meetings – 10am Swansea Courthouse

Saturday, February 23 (to vote on the constitution)

Saturday, March 30 (AGM)

Please submit agenda items at least 16 days prior to the meeting (so that the agenda can be published 14 days before meeting)

Nomination forms for committee positions available on the website

Nominations must be received at least 10 days prior to the AGM, ie by Wed Mar 20

Meeting closed: 11.03